

Kiwanis Club of North Modesto



May 2— We heard an interesting story about the founding and the resurrection of the Faros car club (that's with an F), whose members weren't quite the troublemakers that the movie "American Graffiti" depicted.

President Adrian Crane presiding over a full house

Song: Gary Goodman

Pledge: Don Vieira

Prayer: Ken Darby

GUEST/INTERCLUBS

See Ken Darby about upcoming InterClubs: May 6 to Greater Modesto (noon meeting), July 9 to Castle-Atwater (noon) and Aug. 7 to Merced (5:30 p.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Felt: thanked the 20-plus members who volunteered at last week's NMK-Modesto City Schools Field Games at Johansen High School, which had about 300 children involved. As usual, the kids were wonderful.

Chicken barbecue this Sunday: Charlie Christensen reminds us all hands are needed, starting between 6 and 6:30 a.m., this Sunday for Chicken A Go Go at Davis Park. There will be a crew prepping chicken and coleslaw Saturday, May 4, starting about 9:30 at the Stanislaus Union central kitchen, 1931 Kiernan.

Bring your appetites: Randy Cook has arranged for the burrito vendor to prepare yummy breakfast burritos on site at Davis. (You pay there. And there will be free coffee and other (adult) beverages available to the volunteers. Yes, Lori will be making her famous carrot cake for the crew as well.

American Graffiti: From Brent Burnside: there are planning meetings at Muni Golf Course at 9 a.m. today and Friday. From Larry Hughes: We're approaching 500 entries for the show. Ray Sanders will start signing up volunteers next week. Odette Fattal is already recruiting for people to work the beer/wine garden.

DCM coming up June 1.

Volunteer opportunity: Drivers are needed on Saturday, May 18 to take Key Club members to their district meeting in Livingston. Contact Adrian.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Two service anniversaries: Bill Ryan 17 years and Ray Sanders 41 years.

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APRON: Cathy Line boosted the club treasury, finding people who had not signed and a couple of us who signed twice. Welcome, Cathy!

NO TIME FOR BUCKS TODAY

BOARD REPORT FROM WEDNESDAY:

Adrian reported that the board approved these contributions (money raised from last year's American Graffiti):

\$2,500 to Society for Disabilities

\$2,000 to Center for Human Services

\$2,500 to Modesto Gospel Mission

\$2,500 to Youth for Christ

\$500 to the Friends of the Modesto Library Imagination Library

\$1,000 to Kiwanis Family House

\$500 to Johansen grad night

\$1,500 to help the Groveland Kiwanis Club in its effort to keep a preschool operating there

PROGRAM

Former NMK member Rick Hudson and two of his fellow Faros gave us a fun history of the car club made famous in "American Graffiti." Rick said that the club gets credit for bringing Faros back together and they now meet monthly. (There is a new club forming in Modesto, the Pharoahs.)

The original (real) Faros got their start in the late 1950s when several of the car lovers at Modesto High wanted to start a car club. It was nixed by the dean at the school but got going soon after at MJC, without any real connection to the college.

They called themselves a fraternity and you had to be voted in to membership, followed by an initiation, but they were really just a social group who enjoyed cars and partying. The membership reached about 30 at its highest but there are now about 60 who were active at one time or another.

George Lucas was not a Faro but was friends with several, which is why they were part of the movie. Member Daryl Weigl told us, "We were nothing like the Faros in the movie well not exactly." (Pranksters, maybe, but not with bad intentions?)

Rick also brought some of the memorabilia from the club, including the black box that was used to decide who was allowed to become a Faro.

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MARBLE & LUNCH MONEY

Bob Harper had the right number and won table stakes but he pulled another white marble. Jim Graham won the lunch money.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 9 – Dr. Jim Houpis, the new MJC President giving us his first impressions of the Modesto area and the college.

May 16 – Modesto Symphony links up local school children with the world of music. Caroline Nickel & Carole Richard

May 23 – Modesto Mayor Ted Brandvold

May 30 – Members Joseph Cosgrove & Aaron Kellums re selling tickets online & other new technology (Snapchat)

June 6 – car show prep

June 13 – car show recap

Upcoming Events

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| May 5 | Chicken A Go Go barbecue (some prep May 4) |
| June 5 | Graffiti stuffing party and social at Randy & Denise's place, aka the Man Cave. Starting time 5 p.m. |
| June 7-9 | American Graffiti weekend |
| June 20 | CASA benefit golf tournament. Contact Jim Toal about limited entries |
| June 22 | CASA benefit concert at Del Rio, featuring a Rolling Stones tribute band. Contact Jim Toal about sponsorship opportunities |
| Aug. 22 | Kiwanis night at the Modesto Nuts |

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Current Board				
President	Adrian Crane		2017-2019	Mike Boyd, Odette Fattal,
1st Vice President	Robert Husman			Robert Husman, Bill Ryan
2nd Vice President	Britta Skavdahl			
Past president	Eric Angelo		2018-2020	Randy Cook, Tim Ragsdale
Secretary	Lori Rosman			George Bairey, Bill Heyden
Treasurer	Britta Skavdahl			
Event Committee Chairs				
NMK Field Games	Jim Felt		CASA Golf Tournament	Jim Toal
Chicken A Go Go	Charlie Christensen		Breakfast with Santa	Jennifer Mullen
Christmas Baskets	Marty Villa		Graffiti Festival	Brent Burnside
Committee Chairs				
Community Services	Richard Reimche		Membership Retention	
Young Children Priority One	Jeremiah Williams		Social Committee	Randy Cook
Youth Services	Sabine Saso		Programs	Steve Collins, Judy Herrero
Sponsored Youth	Brent B(Enochs), Ken Nolte		New Member Bios	George Bairey
	(Vanguard), Bill M (Central),		Soccer Club Liaison	George Bairey
	Marty Villa (Davis)		Web Master	Trish Christensen
Spiritual Aims	Marty Villa		New Member Orientation	Roger Suelzle, Steve Collins
Scholarships	Bill Ryan		Fiscal Oversight	Jim Graham
			Sunshine/cards	Judy Herrero
Membership Growth	Robert Husman		InterClub	Ken Darby
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